



SB 247

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**An Act Eliminating and Modifying Certain Reporting and Regulatory Requirements
of the Department of Administrative Services and Repealing Obsolete Provisions**

**Government Administrations & Elections Committee
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The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) thanks the Government Administration & Elections Committee for raising Senate Bill 247, and offers the following testimony in support of the bill.

SB 247 eliminates or modifies a number of obsolete, unnecessary and/or confusing statutory provisions that relate to DAS. Most of these provisions have been identified by the Auditors of Public Accounts, and DAS has committed to the Auditors that we would seek repeal or revision of them.

Section 1 streamlines C.G.S. § 3-21d, a statute that requires a series of ongoing reports as well as a separate annual report, identifying unexpended bond monies authorized and allotted for state public works construction projects providing details on completed construction projects. To eliminate duplication, streamline the production of reports and conform to long-standing practice, SB 247 consolidates these requirements into a single annual report.

Section 2 eliminates the statutory requirement that DAS issue regulations that set forth the procedures used by DAS, OPM and the State Properties Review Board regarding the leasing of state offices. The statute (4b-23(o)) already details the requirements and processes that have been determined by the Legislature to be important in the leasing process; accordingly, separate regulations would be duplicative and, thus, unnecessary. Furthermore, the issue in question is simply how agencies interact with one another and work together; it does not implicate any rights or benefits that impact the public. Traditionally, such issues are not considered to be appropriate topics for regulations.

Section 3 updates and consolidates two separate information technology reports. Specifically, it merges the IT Strategic Plan report currently required under C.G.S. § 4d-7 with the § 4-14 report on expenditures, technology projects, and e-government initiatives. This section also clarifies that the report is due annually on or before September 15th, as the statute is currently ambiguous on that point.

Sections 4 & 5 are technical changes included by LCO.

Section 6 repeals subsection (b) of C.G.S. § 10a-151d, an obsolete reporting requirement relating to higher education purchasing. This provision requires DAS to report to the Education & Appropriations Committees all purchasing requests received by DAS from the constituent units of higher education. However, DAS has not handled purchasing on behalf of the constituent units since they received their own purchasing authority in the early 1990s. As a result, this subsection is obsolete.

Section 7 also repeals obsolete and unnecessary requirements. Specifically:

- § 4d-14. All the requirements of this section are merged into § 4d-7, to be modified as described in Section 3 above.
- §§ 4d-45 & 4d-46. In its recent DAS departmental audit, the Auditors of Public Accounts identified these statutes as obsolete and have recommended that we seek repeal. These statutes relate to a particular Request for Proposals ("RFP") from 1997 relating to information technology. No contract was ever awarded pursuant to this RFP.

We again thank the Committee for raising SB 247 and respectfully ask the Committee to support the bill moving forward. If there are any questions about this bill or DAS's testimony, please feel free to contact Terrence Tulloch-Reid (Terrence.Reid@ct.gov) or Andrea Keilty (Andrea.Keilty@ct.gov).